GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - PR&RD Dept., - Certain allegations against Smt. G.Rani, the then MPDO, MPP, Musunuru – Disciplinary action initiated under APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Charges framed - Regular Inquiry conducted - Imposed a punishment, stoppage of two increments with cumulative effect – Appeal preferred for revision of orders - Appeal considered – Charges dropped - Punishment imposed by the CPR set aside - Orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG-IV)DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 652 **Dated: 19-11-2024**

Read the following:-

1. Charge Memo No.1315/CPR&RD/A1/2015, dt.22.04.2015.
2. WSD of the CO received through the CEO, ZPP, Krishna, dt.22.04.2015.
3. CPR&RD Procedngs No.1315/CPR&RD/A1/2015, dt.22.06.2015.
4. Inquiry report of the CEO in Lr.Rc.No.1598/2015/C4,dt.27.06.2016.
5. Procds of the CPR&RD., No.640459/CPR&RD/A2/2015,dt.14.7.2023.
6. Appeal filed by Smt. G.Rani, the then MPDO, MPP, Musunuru, dt.03.10.2023.
7. From the CPR&RD Lr. No.640459/CPR&RD/A2/2015,dt.23.04.2024.
8. Govt. Memo.No.1974785/Vig-IV/A1/2023 Dt. 17.05.2024.
9. Revision appeal filed by Smt. G.Rani, the then MPDO., Musunuru and presently working as MPDO., Amaravathi, Palanadu, dt.19.7.2024.

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O R D E R:

In the reference 1st read above, Article of Charges were framed against Smt.G.Rani, the then Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Mandal Praja Parishad, Musunuru, under Rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, for the alleged irregularity committed by her, in execution of MGNREGS works. The CEO, ZPP, Krishna, who was appointed has Inquiry Authority in the matter, has submitted inquiry report in the reference 4th read above, stating that, the charged officer has committed only procedural lapse, remitted the amount to NREGS account and hence, the charge framed against her is not held proved in inquiry.

2. The Commissioner, PR&RD, being the disciplinary authority, has observed that “remittance of misappropriated amount means acceptance of guilt" and accordingly, after following the procedure, has imposed a punishment of ‘Stoppage of two increments with cumulative effect against Smt., G.Rani, the then MPDO, MPP, Musunuru of Krishna District, on the charges framed against her, in the matter. The appeal preferred by the charged officer, in the matter, has been initially rejected by the Government in the reference 8th read above, duly confirming ‘Stoppage of two increments with cumulative effect’ imposed by the Commissioner, PR&RD against Smt. G.Rani, the then MPDO., Musururu, presently working at Amaravathi, Guntur District.

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3. Smt. G.Rani, the then MPDO., Musunuru and presently working as MPDO., Amaravathi, Palanadu has fled a revision appeal vide reference 9th read above, before the Government, stating that, in the inquiry, the Presenting Officer in his remarks has stated that, there is no role of Charged Officer for excess amount paid to the wage seekers and the proper details of the work done were recorded in M Book, Check measurement done by the Technical Assistant recorded in M. Book and Check Measured by the Technical Assistant of MGNREGS programme has not shown proper record during the Social Audit. Hence, requested the Government to review the major punishment of "stoppage of two increments with cumulative effect" imposed on her, on the charges pertaining to misappropriation of MGNREGS funds to a tune of Rs.4,190/- (Rs.3190/- Social audit apportionment+ Rs.1000/- fine), and to drop the disciplinary proceedings, considering her case on humanitarian grounds.

4. The revision appeal of Smt. G.Rani, the then MPDO has been examined and the Government, observed that, punishment imposed is too harsh. The case is related to the year 2009-10. The enquiry officer has reported that, the charge is not held proved. The PD, DWMA has reported that, the work done was recorded in the M' Book but failed to furnish the records at the time of social audit by her successors which cannot be attributed to the Charged Officer. The CPR&RD has reported that, there is no role of MPDO (Charged Officer) in this lapse as per circular No. 14319/CRD/560/ SPM (DM)/2012 dated 3.01.2013 Annexure-I of Chapter- I(3) (a). She is at the fag end of her service and retire without any promotion as MPDO. Considering her long unblemished service in the department, it is decided to drop the charges in the disciplinary proceedings on humanitarian grounds.

5. After examination of the matter, the Government hereby drop the charges framed against Smt. G.Rani, the then MPDO., Musunuru in the matter and the punishment imposed by the CPR vide proceedings 5th read above i.e. stoppage of two increments with cumulative effect is also set aside.

6. The Director, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development is requested to take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Tadepalli, Guntur, AP.
Smt. G. Rani, the then MPDO, Musunuru, presently working as MPDO.,
Amaravathi, Palanadu **through** the Director,
Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Dept.

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The OSD to the Secretary to Chief Minister.
The OSD to Deputy Chief Minister for PR&RD.
The Chief Executive Officer, ZPP, Krishna.
The PS to Principal Secretary (PR&RD).
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